

**STATEMENT OF THE MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS re :
STATEMENT OF Dr. K. L. RAO UPON THE GODAVARI AND
KRISHNA WATERS**

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Minister for Public Works).—Sri H. M. Channabasappa referred to the statement made by Dr. K. L. Rao ruling out the possibility of diverting Godavari water into Krishna basin. He has forwarded the Memorandum for my perusal. When I go through the statement, I find, that he has stated while addressing the Local Boards Association on 28th February 1961 that the problem was one of levels and this would make difficult for the diversion of water to the South. In 1961, Dr. K. L. Rao was not the Union Minister for Irrigation and Power. Sri Channabasappa knows that he was only a Member of the Central Water and Power Commission at that time. The then Union Minister for Irrigation and Power, Hafiz Mohamed Ibrahim laid a statement on the Table of Lok Sabha on 23rd March 1963. In his statement at page 7, he has given a categorical assurance to the State Governments that Nagarjunasagar Second Stage could be cleared after investigations on the diversion of Godavari supplies are completed and the quantum and levels are known. I don't think there is any statement made by the present Union Minister for Irrigation and Power, Dr. K. L. Rao, ruling out the possibility of diverting Godavari waters into Krishna basin. They have said that that matter is being investigated and they submitted a report to the Government of India.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I am sorry for the colossal ignorance of the Hon'ble Minister. An engineer cannot change his opinion by the change of place. Dr. K. L. Rao, was a Member of the Central Water and Power Commission. He is well known engineer and he knows what it is.

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—He may be having any view, but those views are not binding on this Government. The views expressed by the Government of India are important for our purposes. I want to know whether any member of the present Union Ministry of Irrigation and Power or the Minister have gone back on the decision or assurance that has been given to the State?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Is the Hon'ble Minister ignorant of the fact that Dr. K. L. Rao, Union Minister for Irrigation and Power, ruled out the possibility of the River Board which could go into the diversion of water? This statement was made in the Parliament and I have brought this to the attention of the present Mysore Government. Are you not aware of it? The statement was made on 24th March 1963.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I think that it is a complicated matter.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Sir, it is a simple matter. The Minister made a statement that a central authority should be established to carry out the investigations in consultation and collaboration with the State Government with regard to the investigation of Godavari

diversion. I am sure that Sri Hafiz Mohamed Ibrahim was not an Engineer and he cannot say that it cannot be done. How can Dr. K. L. Rao, a well known Engineer and a man of reputation, who ruled out the possibility of diverting Godavari waters into Krishna basin, make a different statement as a Minister? It is astonishing that the Hon'ble P.W. Minister should stand up and say that.

RELEASE OF MEMBERS

Announcement

Mr. SPEAKER.—I have received a communication from the Superintendent, Central Jail, Bangalore, saying that three members of this House who were admitted into this Jail have since been released on bail on personal surety on 27th June 1967, by the City Magistrate, Bangalore.

1. Sri T. R. Shamanna
2. Sri M. S. Krishnan
3. Sri S. Gopal Gowda

2-30 P. M.

RULING OF THE SPEAKER *re:* USE OF WORD 'LIE'

Mr. SPEAKER.—Sri Bangarappa said something in which there is something wrong. He may kindly look into it again. Now, I will give my ruling.

Sri H. Siddaveerappa drew my attention to the circumstances under which the word 'lie' has been used by the Foreign Secretary Mr. George Brown. The basis for this is a leaflet of the British Information service from where the words are taken. The Foreign Secretary Mr. Brown told the House of Commons that "Cairo Radio had continued to broadcast the Downright 'lie' " and added "I repeat that this is a 'lie' and he goes on like that. The inference is that word 'lie' has been used by Mr. Brown the Foreign Secretary, an esteemed member of the House of Commons, in the House of Commons. In the first place I must not fail to mention that it is not an authorised report. Secondly even what is there shows that it is not applied against any member of the House and the word is used with regard to a broadcast that is said to have been made by a country over its radio and the purpose of unparliamentary words being designated and being asked not to be used to see that the feelings of the members are not wounded. I am aware that in the House of Commons itself